

## **Minutes – Egremont Water Meeting 12 May 2021**

Zoom Meeting – 9:30 AM

Participating: R. Palmucci; Poly Lanoue; N. Stalker; W. Brinker

### **General:**

Confusion of Zoom information caused a fifteen-minute delay to the start of the meeting.

Minutes of the April 9, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

April gallons pumped were 1,217,190.

Transmitters continue to be changed out; we are approaching all transponders being updated.

The Great Barrington Fire District Superintendent has offered to advise our Operator on leak detection equipment.

Past due accounts have been making payments; they are being reminded of their past due balances.

Communication from two customers were discussed. One asked to be reimbursed because of roily water – the customer was not informed by their landlord of the flushing activity and as such, the Department will not reimburse for stained towels. The tenant has updated their contact information. Another customer asked for relief of their interest and past due balance; it was determined the account history showed payments have been received irregularly – one payment for every two or three billing cycles. The Commissioners will send a letter offering to shut the water off for the time being to reduce the amount billed until the building is ready for occupancy.

The utilities budget will be increased for FY 2022 reflecting the transfer of solar credits to another Town account.

The USDA application requires further conditions; the Department must be refused commercial loans by three lenders; the Town must vote (not specified as to Town Meeting or ballot) to authorize borrowing. This will delay the application.

The Consumer Confidence Report is ready for posting/mailing.

Bi-annual lead and copper sampling is almost complete. DEP will be asked to reduce the schedule after this round of sampling shows consistent lower levels.

A letter has been sent in support of the Town's Municipal Vulnerability Planning Committee application for a state grant.

The May billing commitment was signed in the amount of \$20,024.70

The next meeting will be on a date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Brinker